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The aggression and assaults against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been steadily accelerated. Over this latest weekend, Sarajevo's citizens have been targeted by new and more vicious weapons whose utility could only be to murder and terrorize a civilian population. Other "safe areas", as well as many towns not so designated, have also come under increased assault by direct military attacks and deprival of absolutely needed humanitarian assistance. The besieged areas of Maglaj and Tesanj continue to be subjected to heavy shelling, while humanitarian convoys continue to be blatantly blocked.

It is evident that the Serbian aggressor forces are timing their recent increase in assaults and the impediment of humanitarian assistance to maximize their destructive impact at a period when the population is most vulnerable due to the oncoming winter. It is also evident that the strangulation of Sarajevo (and other besieged areas) has not been stopped as long as heavy weaponry is permitted to continue to surround the city and as long as blockage of humanitarian essentials remains effectively unchallenged.

We request that the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) proceed urgently with the effective implementation of "safe areas" and that, if necessary, existing mandates be fully applied to rectify the situation. Otherwise, we would humbly suggest that the Security Council request further information and appropriate reports so as to explain delays and the lack of effective steps to fully implement its resolutions.

I should be grateful for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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